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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Noriyuki NAKAOKA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/530,694

Confirmation No.: 3536

Group Art Unit: 1773

Filed: May 4, 2000

Examiner: K. Bernatz

For: SEMI-HARD MAGNETIC MATERIAL, METHOD OF PRODUCING SAME, AND  
MAGNETIC MARKER USING SAME

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the outstanding rejection of December 12, 2001, please amend the above  
application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

1. (Amended) A method of producing a magnetic material capable of having either a magnetized state or a demagnetized state, comprising the steps of: preparing a multilayer body in which layers 'A' each containing as the main component thereof Fe having magnetism and layers 'B' each containing a non-magnetic Cu group metal as the main component thereof are stacked on each other; heating the multilayer body so that each of the layers 'B' is partially divided by a dividing heat treatment; and applying a cold plastic working to the multilayer body.

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